

## **Coffman Supports Unemployment Insurance Extension, Opposes Irresponsible Deficit Spending**

**(WASHINGTON)** - Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) today released the following statement after the House voted on H.R. 4213, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act , which will extend benefits to the unemployed for up to 99 weeks:

“It’s disingenuous to claim that Republicans are opposed to extending jobless benefits. I support an extension of unemployment benefits and would have voted for the bill if it had been paid for with unspent stimulus funds. Unfortunately, the bill was written in a fiscally irresponsible way.”

“The \$862 billion so-called stimulus has failed to create the promised jobs and unemployment continues to sit at nearly 10 percent. We should use some of the obligated, but unspent, stimulus funds to offset the cost of these benefits rather than driving up the deficit another \$34 billion.”

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